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SUBJECT: IFAD CONTRIBUTIONS AND HEADQUARTERS SITE

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF BOTH REFTELS TO ECON
COOPMIN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR IFAD.

2. RE REF A, COOPMIN OFFICIALS HAD HEARD OF SWISS AND
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SWEDISH PLEDGES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS. WITH RESPECT TO

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL GERMAN PLEDGE, HOWEVER, THEY SAID THAT, DESPITE THEIR LAST MINUTE EFFORTS, NO MORE GERMAN MONEY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

3. COALITION GOVERNMENT IS JUST NOW BEING FORMED IN FRG, NO NEW ECONOMIC COOPERATION MINISTER HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO REPLACE THE OUTGOING MINISTER BAHR, AND THE 1976 BUDGET WAS COMPLETELY SPENT, WHILE THE 1977 BUDGET WAS NOT YET COMPLETE. COOPMIN OFFICIALS STATED THAT GIVEN SUCH A SITUATION NO NEW FUNDS COULD BE OBTAINED. AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE GERMAN \$52 MILLION PLEDGE BY CONVERTING THE BUDGETED DM 140 MILLION AT THE PRESENTLY HIGHER DM TO DOLLAR RATE ALSO MET WITH NO SYMPATHY FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY.

4. COOPMIN OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT THE BEST CHANCE TO COMPLETE THE CATEGORY II SHARE WOULD BE A NORWEGIAN PLEDGE FROM THE UN SPECIAL FUND.

5. FRG COOPMIN OFFICIALS WERE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. POSITION ON THE SITING OF THE IFAD HEADQUARTERS (REFTEL B). THEY SUGGESTED IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, THAT IN ORDER TO FORESTALL A TEHRAN SITE THE CATEGORY II COUNTRIES SHOULD CONDUCT A "WHISPERING CAMPAIGN" TO SUGGEST THAT A TEHRAN SITE WOULD FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN OPEC PRESIDENT FOR IFAD. THE GERMAN POSITION REMAINS, NEVERTHELESS, THAT A ROME SITE AND AN OPEC PRESIDENT IS THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION.
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